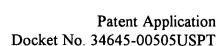
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention advantageously provides a manner by which to further suppress noise superimposed upon an information signal without increasing distortion to the signal, e.g., speech. By distributing the noise suppression, the quality of the information signal provided to a listener is improved. In one embodiment, a first noise suppressor is employed at the transmitter to suppress noise superimposed upon an information signal prior to its transmission by the transmitter, and a second noise suppressor is employed at the receiver to suppress the noise component of a communication signal received at the receiver.